

## Notes about eating meat from the People of the Book & Handslaughter from Shaykh Sulayman al-'Alwan:

1. The meat of Ahlâl Kitāb is permissible by Ijmā', the Qur'ān & Sunnāh is absolutely clear regarding this matter.
2. By principle, meat is Halāl unless proven otherwise, according to the Ijmā' of the Sahābah & Salaf as mentioned by Imām ibn Taymiyyāh (رحمه الله) in the 21<sup>st</sup> volume of al-Fatawah, rather differences occurred in the middle centuries where they said it's Haram by principle.
3. Say, "I do not find within that which was revealed to me [anything] forbidden to one who would eat it unless it be a dead animal or blood spilled out or the flesh of swine - for indeed, it is impure - or it be [that slaughtered in] disobedience, dedicated to other than Allah . But whoever is forced [by necessity], neither desiring [it] nor transgressing [its limit], then indeed, your Lord is Forgiving and Merciful." [6:145]

Allāh (جلا و علا) says "I do not find within that which was revealed to me [anything] forbidden to one" meaning there's nothing Harām, except what has been mentioned in this verse, and this is clear that Meat is Halāl by default and there's no disagreement among the Sahābah concerning this.

Likewise, the Hadith of the Prophet where he prohibited the meat of domestic donkeys at Khaybar, what is understood from this is that domestic donkeys was permissible by default, until a prohibition came to forbid that.

Also as al-Zuhrī (رحمه الله) said "Allāh made the people of the scriptures meat lawful, while knowing what they will Say and Do, so do not ask about that", so we accept the slaughter of the christians without asking any question

4. The slaughter must be from Ahlâl Kitāb, even if he doesn't completely follow the bible or torah, as long as he believes in his scriptures and is not an atheist or agnostic, he is considered from among the people of the book.
5. There's no need to ask "Did they say bismillāh or not" because the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) ate from the meat of Khaybar without asking them "Did you say Bismillāh", by principle Allāh (جل و علا) has made it halāl.
6. There's a difference of opinion whether the meat must be hand slaughtered, Imām Abū Hanīfah (رحمه الله), Imām Al-Shāfi'ī (رحمه الله), Imām Ahmad ibn Hanbal (رحمه الله) and the majority of the scholars say "It's compulsory for the meat to be hand-slaughtered"
7. If you live in a country mixed with Ahlâl Kitāb & Mushrikeen and you're not sure whether it was slaughtered by either, it returns back to the principle of the meat, which is Halāl.
8. McDonalds is one of Israel's biggest funders, therefore it's compulsory to boycott them.